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6.2 LIFELINE PROGRAM

6.2.1 General

- A. The Lifeline Program is a telephone assistance program designed to make telephone service available at reduced rates to eligible residential customers.
- B. Federal baseline support of nine dollars and twenty-five cents (\$9.25) is available for each Lifeline service and is passed through to the subscriber. An additional three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) credit is provided by the Company. The total Lifeline credit available to an eligible customer in South Carolina is twelve dollars and seventy-five cents (\$12.75). The amount of credit will not exceed the charge for local service, which includes the access line, the Subscriber Line Charge and local usage.

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- C. The Lifeline Program reduction to Basic Local Exchange Service shall apply only to residential one-party service.
- D. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a customer who is otherwise eligible for the Lifeline Program from obtaining and using telecommunications equipment and services designed to aid such customer in utilizing qualifying telecommunications services.
- E. The Lifeline Program rate reduction does not apply to Service Connection Charges.
- F. The Lifeline Program rate will not be available on a retroactive basis.

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6.2 LIFELINE PROGRAM (Cont'd)

6.2.5 **Credit and Collection**

A. Credit References

The credit verification procedures used for all applicants who apply for service with the Company will also be used for applicants who apply for service under the Lifeline Program.

B. **Deposits**

Deposit requirements will be waived for all applicants who qualify for Lifeline Service, as long as the applicants continue to qualify for Lifeline Service.

6.2.6 **Service Connection Charges**

- A. Service charges do not apply to eligible customers with existing residential access line service when they convert to the Lifeline Program.
- B. Service Connection Charges will apply when:
 - 1. Existing eligible residential Local Exchange Service customers also convert to a different grade of eligible residential service and/or Optional Calling Services at the time the Lifeline Program billing is initiated.
 - A customer receiving Lifeline Program billing voluntarily elects to convert 2. to telephone service arrangements which preclude Lifeline Program eligibility.
 - 3. New residential applicants (those without existing Local Exchange Service) eligible for the Lifeline Program will be subject to applicable Service Connection Charges.

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C. Any subsequent moves or changes after the initial connection to the Lifeline Program will be subject to the applicable Service Charges as outlined in Section 16 of this Tariff.

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